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## QUESTION IS PUT

But The Answer Not Yet Known

Washington, Mar. 19. President Truman was asked directly to-day by 11 Republican Senators and Congressmen of his home state if the United States could be ready to fight Russia if the Soviets resist his proposed intervention in Greece and Turkey.

Senate leaders indicated that the President may also be forced to show his hand on the equally explosive issue of Communism in China.

The pointblank question of war topped the growing list of queries posed to the President with the implied warning that they must be answered clearly before the Congress approves the anti-Communist aid to two Mediterranean allies. Meanwhile, Senator Owen Brewster told newsmen that he had learned that a major change in American policy toward China is "imminent." He said the shift would mean a firmer stand toward Chinese Communists, presumably meaning further buttressing the Chiang Kai-shek government by material assistance.

**MACARTHUR SUGGESTION**  
Brewster said he favoured the appointment of General MacArthur to take over the job in China formerly held by General George Marshall who served there as a special envoy.

Meanwhile, questions were piling up on the President's desk as he returned from his vacation this afternoon.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, will be required to answer many of them to-morrow when the House Foreign Affairs Committee opens hearings on the bill authorizing the Administration to rush arms, money and civilian and military advisers to Greece and Turkey in order to bulwark them against Communist expansion.

**POLICY FORECAST**  
Washington, Mar. 20. Senator Brewster, Republican, Maine, said he is certain there will be a change in the United States government's policy in China "within the next two weeks," giving a firmer support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Brewster also said he hopes that the authority of General Douglas MacArthur will be "extended to China." He added:

"They can't urge that we kiss the Communists in China and kick them in Greece."

"I am demanding that the Generalissimo feed the Communists in China while President Truman is demanding that we exterminate the Communist influence in Greece."

The Senator added, "someone ought to explain the difference between the Communists in Greece and those in China."

Brewster said General Douglas MacArthur "should be given charge of the Orient. He knows them and they know him. He might be named Vice Regent there."

—Associated Press.

## More Meat For Britain

Washington, Mar. 20. Britain had been allocated 25,000,000 additional pounds of meat for the first quarter of this year, officials of the United States Department of Agriculture announced on Wednesday.

The additional amount brings the quarter's allocation to 50,000,000 pounds, the announcement added.

Britain is buying the meat in the open market and agriculture officials said that it will be largely beef, with small quantities of mutton. No pork was included because of the current shortage. —Associated Press.

## Compromise At Moscow Hinted

### British Attitude To Yalta Agreement

Moscow, Mar. 20. The first inkling that the Moscow conference might reach a compromise on Germany, came yesterday when United States Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov agreed that the four powers, possibly could reconcile their positions.

At the same time British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin gravely warned the conference that the success of the negotiations on Germany will have a definite effect on the big power collaboration in all Europe.

## Future Plans For U.S. Bases In Pacific

Lake Success, N.Y., Mar. 19. All United States bases in the Pacific eventually will be brought within the UN security system for use on call—with the approval of the U.S. Government—by the UN international peace force.

American officials indicated to-day at the same time that the United States and Philippine governments have published the text of a new mutual assistance pact, making 23 Philippine bases available to the United States for 99 years.

The American policy of offering its Pacific bases to the UN world security force applies not only to newly leased bases in the Philippines but also to whatever strategic installations are built on former Japanese mandated islands of Marianas, Marshalls and the Carolines, and on whatever other Japanese non-mandated islands that are awarded the United States by the final Pacific peace settlement.

Presumably, it may also apply to Hawaii, including Pearl Harbour, although Hawaii's status may shortly change if Congress approves of statehood.

**TO RETAIN VETO**  
In each case, however, the United States would retain a veto over any Security Council decision involving the possible use of American bases as a guarantee against their use against the wishes of the U.S. Government.

The new mutual assistance pact with the Philippines provides that 23 specific bases be made available to the United States, which can also be used in the interests of collective security under the United Nations. That applies to such major military areas as Clark Field and Fort Stotsenberg, in Pampanga Province, and naval bases in Subic Bay, Leyte, Samar, Tawitawi and Sangley Point. The American announcement offering to incorporate Pacific bases

in the security system is timed to coincide with an urgent demand to the Security Council to rush prompt approval of United States strategic trusteeship over former Japanese mandates.

The Americans emphasise, however, that both the United States and Philippine governments must agree mutually to United Nations use of the bases before permission becomes final. —United Press.

## FACING NEW CRISIS

### French Cabinet's Dilemma

Paris, Mar. 19. M. Paul Ramadier, French Premier, called a meeting of the "Inner Council" of six ministers, including the Communist, to-day to discuss the crisis arising from the Communist abstention from the vote of confidence in the National Assembly this morning on the Government's Indo-China policy.

Normally, the abstention of the largest party in the Assembly which is also a member of the coalition government would result in the resignation of the Premier and Cabinet but this is not expected at the moment. Informed observers, however, said that there is a "strong possibility" of the Cabinet's resignation if the Communists refused to vote the necessary money to carry out the Government's policy when the financial debate opens to-morrow.

The Premier's spokesman said to-day that there was no justification for the Communist abstention from the hand in his resignation to-day and M. Yvon Delbos, Radical Minister of State, said: "There is no crisis at the moment," after the Inner Council meeting. The others who attended would not comment.

The Communist abstention—the vote of confidence was agreed by 421 out of a total of 618 delegates—was considered especially serious because just before the vote was taken, M. Ramadier challenged the Communist position and gave them what was practically a verbal ultimatum.

**POLICY PROPOUNDED**  
"Our policy is one of liberty, one of French union," he said. "Either you refuse that policy or you accept it. That is the problem. If you refuse it in seeking refuge in tactical abstention, that policy will not stand."

As for the other parties, the Popular Republicans voted a motion of support for the present Indo-China policy at their annual Congress last week and they can be generally expected to support the financial measures needed to carry it out.

The action of the Socialists will depend largely on the policy adopted by their Party Council, which opens its meetings later to-day. Although the Socialists have the leadership of the government in question, both through Premier Ramadier and through the Minister of Colonies, M. Marius Moutet, there are important members of their parliamentary leadership who have strong objections to the present government policy. The support of the small Right-wing parties is assured but if a full-dress crisis develops, this is likely to count for little. —Reuter.

## Government And Royal Romance

London, Mar. 20. A government source said to-day there was reason to believe the British government would not oppose the marriage between Princess Elizabeth and former Prince Philip of Greece.

The source said the Cabinet had discussed the long rumoured romance formally.

He indicated that members appeared to have recognised that "the two young people are very fond of each other" and that Princess Elizabeth's affection for the prince is "very great."

Under the British constitution the government would have to approve any man the heiress-presumptive to the throne might select as her consort. —Associated Press.

## Worst Floods In 300 Years

### England Inundated

London, Mar. 19. Further rain to-day increased the floods which have now spread to almost every corner of England and Wales and to-night rivers in many parts were still rising. The river Severn, principal river of western England, to-night passed the record flood level of May, 1886 and unofficial estimates from some areas said that the floods were the worst for 300 years.

The Red Cross have established first aid posts in the afflicted areas and distributed food and clothing, much of which had been provided by the British Dominions' overseas.

On the borders of Wales, families are living on top floors of houses and are being supplied with food by boats and military lorries. Many people—chiefly children and old people—have been taken to safety.

**RIVER OUSE DANGER**

In the low-lying Fen area of eastern England troops, farm workers and German prisoners-of-war are fighting a grim battle to stop a 40-yard gap on the banks of the river Ouse, through which water is cascading and flooding villages and farms.

Soldiers of the Royal Engineers were laying a light railway to bring up a Bailey bridge, the type used by the Allied armies in crossing the Rhine and other rivers—to plug the gap in the Ouse.

Rivers in Norfolk and Yorkshire broke their banks to-day and many of the main roads were impassable. Some roads are still blocked by snow and the little Yorkshire seaport town of Whitby is snowbound and isolated.

**"WORST DISASTER"**

The level of the river Thames fell at some places above London, but at Windsor it is still rising and the Mayor has opened a fund to relieve the distress caused by the "worst disaster in the town's long history."

Further up the river, at Maidenhead, nearly 2,000 families have been moved.

Control of the Thames valley water is being conducted as a military operation by the Thames Conservancy Board. A spokesman of the Board said to-night: "Everything is under control."

As rivers continued to overflow or burst their banks, the flood situation grew hourly more critical. Many rivers were still rising to-night and the words "critical" and "disastrous" were used in official reports.

With all rivers in the Midlands reported to be rising rapidly every route from London to South Wales was flooded and impassable, according to a report, while the police have closed roads into Nottingham. —Reuter.

**IRREPARABLE DAMAGE**

Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, Mar. 19. The effect of the weather on Britain's agriculture has been "most alarming," Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, told the local Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner here to-night.

"Some of the damage is irreparable—we cannot bring hundreds of thousands of sheep back to life or prevent the loss of perhaps half of our lamb," he said. "Other difficulties we may, if the floods moderate in time, make partially good though one of the worst autumns, followed by the worst weather ever experienced at the end of winter, has made the problem of cultivation and sowing well-nigh insuperable."

"In building, in the same way, we have lost two months at least and that means not only putting back our housing programme but a grave interference with all our factory building and extensions, and a great deal of other work too," Sir Stafford Cripps added. —Reuter.

**IN GERMANY**

Hamburg, Mar. 19. Rail and road communications crossing the river Weser have been cut through, the destruction of bridges by mine attacks rushing to the sea and half of the 70,000 inhabitants of Bremen, which is built on both sides of the Weser, are cut off from the other half.

The Dreyer Bridge above Bremen, which is the most important connection between the Rhineland industrial region and Hamburg, is so weakened that it has been closed to all traffic.

The flood-wave sweeping down-stream has caused the evacuation of families from the low-lying areas. —Reuter.

**TRADE INSTITUTE FOR JAPAN**

Tokyo, Mar. 19. SCAP announced to-day that the Japanese Government, early in April will inaugurate a "Japan Foreign Trade Institute," a permanent sample exhibition of every type of exportable Japanese merchandise—in order to facilitate foreign buyers with purchasing missions in Japan. —United Press.

## "Chalk Pit Murder" Trial Opens

When the "chalk pit murder" trial began at the Old Bailey to-day, Mr Anthony Hawke, prosecuting, asked that three witnesses on whose evidence in part the Crown must rely should be treated "with caution."

"They can hardly command respect," he said. "They were apparently quite willing for money to go to the place where he met his death."

Thomas John Ley, 40-year-old company director and former Minister of Justice for New South Wales, of Beaufort Gardens, Chelsea, and Laurence John Smith, 30, joiner of Belvoir Road, East Dulwich, were charged with the murder of John McManis, 35, barman and 4th Army corporal, whose body was found in a chalk pit. Both Ley and Smith pleaded not guilty. "The case for the prosecution," said Mr Hawke, "is that Ley and Smith conspired to cause the death of the victim."

The case was opened by Mr Hawke. "The facts which caused the victim's death were performed in a flat at Beaufort Gardens. He was deceived there by persons who were acting for the purpose of his death."

Those persons occupy different places. One Smith is in the dock. The other is a man named Buckingham, Buckingham's son and Mrs Bruce. The older Buckingham was arrested and charged with being concerned with the murder. The other was discharged by the magistrate, no evidence being offered against him.

**STRANGED BY ROPE**

Mr Hawke said that at about 3.30 p.m. on November 30, a man named Combes, who lived at Warrington, Surrey, passing a chalk pit found a bundle of rags covering the body of a man. When the overcoat which covered the body was pulled away, a piece of rope was found loosely tied round the neck. A piece of rag was round the neck as well. Mudge

**STOP PRESS**

**BODY RECOVERED FROM HARBOUR**

The body of Sub-Inspector Alexander Paul Zarembo, who died on March 10 in a collision between Police Launch No. 16 and the s.s. Talposhan, has been found.

The body was seen by the crew of a junk about 7.20 a.m. to-day floating off Stonecutters Island, and was subsequently identified as that of the deceased officer.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

## Montgomery Earns Himself A Slap

London, Mar. 19.

Field-Marshal Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was criticised in the House of Commons to-day for the political speech he made during the weekend in which he said that his plan for a victory over the economic crisis was dominant leadership, teamwork, full day's labour, no restrictions on production and proper working price.

After Viscount Hinchinbrooke, Conservative, had said that it was constitutionally improper for the Chief of the Imperial General Staff to make a speech with political implications, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, commented: "I

entirely agree. It is entirely undesirable that anyone holding such a position should make a political speech."

"I have spoken to him and pointed out the danger of making speeches which might be misinterpreted by persons who want to make mischief. I am referring of course to some organs of the press."

The question had been raised by Mr Raymond Blackburn, Labour Member, who had asked Mr Attlee if Field-Marshal Montgomery had the Government's permission to make the speech. He also asked him to ensure that Field-Marshal Montgomery did not again express his political views while holding the office of Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Mr Attlee replied that Field-Marshal Montgomery was invited

by his hosts at the dinner of the London Association of Engineers to say some words on leadership, teamwork and hard work and had explained that he had no intention of making a political speech.

Mr Attlee added that Field-Marshal Montgomery had declared to members of the Government's campaign for increased production, which had already been made by ministers. He regretted that some newspapers should have imputed to him the intention of criticising the Government—a thing which never entered his mind. (Loud opposition laughter.)

Mr Blackburn said that he had no intention of disparaging the Field-Marshal but commanders should not do things which would be unlawful if done by their subordinates. —Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Anti-Appeasement Or Provocation?

THE United States, flamboyant and tough in war is demonstrating similar traits in the task of establishing the world peace, have set themselves. Hard on the heels of the decision to provide Greece and Turkey with financial assistance in the interests of democracy, comes the announcement that the American navy is sending a substantial task force to Greek and Turkish waters. These two actions, presumably, represent to some degree America's conception of anti-appeasement. Certainly they are highly practical and vigorous expressions of current feelings that Republican-controlled Congress. The very haste in which Senator Vandenberg and his colleagues are moving to give effect to President Truman's policy declaration lends a slightly jaundiced colour to the original impression that the silent spoke from the depth of purely personal conviction; more feasible is it to believe that he was goaded into this new European policy by his Republican opponents who now, for the first time, find themselves in complete agreement with him.

Much is being heard to-day about the necessity of abandoning appeasement with regard to

Soviet Russia. The demand is being made by a variety of political groups in America, Britain and China. Left vague and uncertain is just in what manner any of these nations have either indulged in appeasement or in what direction Russia expects it. The United States complains about the Soviets' expansionist policy in southeast Europe, and, apparently, has only one alternative—an expansionist American policy in the same area. Naturally there are political elements in both Greece and Turkey who enthusiastically welcome aid by the capitalist democracies, but it has still to be shown that either country as a whole, wants American intervention any more or less than it desires Soviet influence. Suspicions regarding the pure motives of the United States in advancing monetary grants and credits would be given that they would be devoted wholly to the task of economically resettling the beneficiaries. But it is now plain that the United States intends to be systematically well placed for any future eventuality at a reasonable starting off cost of \$400,000,000. As a policy this seems to go a step past anti-appeasement; it borders on the provocation.

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# BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA

FACES were grim and there were many anxious moments at General MacArthur's headquarters in Melbourne in the first week in May, 1942. Army air reconnaissance reports revealed an ominous massing and movement of Japanese carriers, cruisers and transports at Rabaul and Tulagi, on Florida Island in the Solomons.

All the evidence indicated that the plan thwarted in March was now maturing in a much more menacing form. Reports coming in on the number of transports being assembled in a troop carrying group and on the strength of the major covering force, were especially disquieting.

Whatever move the Japanese contemplated, it was definitely going to be on a large scale. Strength of the naval escort and covering forces and aircraft, apart from troop transports and supply ships, was remarkable. The invasion convoys which successfully descended upon the Netherlands East Indies. A formidable troop carrying group was supported by cruisers and destroyers and a seaplane carrier based on Rabaul. Intended to operate south of this group, a powerful covering force moved south-east from the Caroline Islands on May 1, was composed of three carriers, Shokaku, Zuikaku and Shoho—a number of heavy and light cruisers, and flotillas of destroyers.

## Questions

WERE these two major forces intended for a descent on the North Queensland coast? Was Australia to face a large scale invasion attempt? Was a frontal amphibious operation against Moresby contemplated?

If so, what was the meaning of the two distinct Japanese naval concentrations? Was a head-on assault on Port Moresby to be combined with an incursion into North Queensland?

These were the queries which troubled the minds of United States and Australian Navy and Air Intelligence officers. They were questions over which General MacArthur himself pondered deeply. In the last analyses, all the cogitation added up to this—If Port Moresby was the immediate strategic prize sought by the enemy, and if that prize was secured, North Queensland would be the next objective. Who holds Port Moresby holds the key to northern and north-eastern Australia. That was accepted as an axiom by Allied Intelligence.

North-east of Bulun, the Japanese covering force split, and one carrier, Shoho, and its escort steamed by way of Shortland Island to give extra cover to the troop-carrying group. Steaming south, but keeping to the eastward, the Japanese main body supported the Japanese landing at Tulagi and then moved on.

As these movements were plotted at headquarters, it was seen that this south-bound striking group began to turn westward south of the Gulf of Papua. Its intention was now clear. It was to act as a buffer between the troop transports heading for Moresby by any Allied naval force seeking to intercept them. From Florida Island, the Japanese withdrew land-based planes, began to reconnoitre the entire northern portion of the Coral Sea.

For the Allied Naval Command, it was a plain case of calculating the risk involved in stationing our forces. Any error at this stage would have proved costly.

## Code Mastered

AT the moment, a United States Pacific Fleet task force under Rear-Admiral Frank Fletcher out of Noumea, was cruising in the Coral Sea. It was composed of the carrier Yorktown, the three cruisers Astoria, Portland and Chester, and six destroyers. Within easy steaming distance was another United States naval force which included the carrier Lexington.

These groups of ships were not south-west of Rennell Island just by chance. United States cryptographers had mastered the deciphering of the secret code which the Japanese were using for encoding their diplomatic messages. This gave them the means of obtaining advance information on departure dates of certain Japanese task forces and troop convoys.

In a letter, released in October, 1945, but written a year earlier, the Chief of the United States General Staff (General Marshall) stated: "I should say that the Coral Sea battle was based on deciphered

messages and therefore our few ships were in the right place at the right time. We possessed a wealth of information on Japanese moves in the Pacific. We checked their fleet movements and the movements of their convoys."

The Command accurately diagnosed the Japanese intention as the seizure of Port Moresby and the establishment of bases on Cape York Peninsula, in Northern Queensland. So it was decided to send Fletcher's force first against the Tulagi concentration.

One hundred miles south of Guadalcanal, on the morning of May 4, 1942, Fletcher loosed his planes from the Yorktown and the battle most vital to Australia's security, was opened. In spite of the wide scouting sweep by the enemy, Fletcher's bombers and torpedo planes caught the Japanese Tulagi force completely by surprise and almost annihilated it.

## Hedgehopping

BOMBERS and torpedo planes had to fly in low behind Guadalcanal, rise just enough to skim the tree-tops of that island and slide down through the standing morning light, on to Tulagi. They found a seaplane tender with three destroyers moored in line behind it. Under a whirl of bombs and torpedoes one destroyer sank, and a second rolled over on its side and the tender exploded. A heavy cruiser was hit by 1,000-pounders and belched flame and debris. Six enemy seaplanes, riding on the sunlit waters of Tulagi harbour, were cut to pieces by cannon and machine-gun fire.

Two cruisers were badly rocked and a dozen bombs hit a big transport in the second strike, when pilots saw several ships ashore and burning and others spreading out through Sealark Channel to get away. In their third strike, Fletcher's bombers sank a damaged cruiser in the harbour entrance and again bombed those burning on the beach.

In this smashing attack, for the loss of only three aircraft, the bomber force sank 12 of the 15 enemy vessels in Tulagi Harbour, including two cruisers, two destroyers, and a seaplane tender and six transports and cargo-carriers. Decisive as the blow was, it was merely the preliminary skirmish.

Meanwhile, bombers from Port Moresby, manned by both Australians and Americans, struck at the western invasion force then grouping near De Boyne Island. They sank one ship by high level bombing, but brought back reports of the size of this western invasion force, which ran into from 40 to 50 transports and warships.

## Radio Silence

IT was then that the grave threat to Port Moresby and Torres Strait was fully realised at Allied Headquarters and by the Australian Government. It was known that Rear-Admiral Fletcher's force was far to the eastward of the Guadalcanal region, and that a second naval force, including an Australian squadron, was midway between San Cristobal, in the southern Solomons, and the Louisiades.

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**Zubzub el Marshat**  
"I WAS awakened," said Celory Chaldecote to the police inspector, "by a man on a ladder. He was leaning in at my bedroom window, with a battered helmet on his head and an axe in his hand. He told me he had come to carry me to safety, as the whole place was on fire. I slipped something on, and he carried me down and put me in a car. He explained that the gorse in the district was blazing, and we had to get away. I saw no fire, and no other firemen. He then asked me if I could do with a nip of brandy. I said I didn't want any. He said, 'Well, I do,' and then drank deeply. When he offered to sell me his helmet and axe I knew something was wrong." He then said, "My old master will love you. What's your name?" Growing alarmed, I wrenched open the door and jumped out. I don't think he noticed what had happened, as he drove on with the door still open."

In May 1942, the Japanese developed an ambitious plan to take Port Moresby, in New Guinea, and to develop it as a springboard for the invasion of Australia. But they were completely foiled in their attempt when Allied naval forces, in a continuing battle in the Coral Sea, cut their naval strength to pieces. Here is an authentic account by **HUGH BUGGY**

After the Tulagi strike, Fletcher's force retired south-westward, but he could not break radio silence to reveal his position. On the morning of May 5, he was joined by two other naval groups, including a task force led by HMAS Australia. The whole Allied force then built up to two carriers, Yorktown and Lexington, eight heavy cruisers, Minneapolis, Astoria, Louisville, Chicago, New Orleans, Chester, Portland and HMAS Australia, the light cruiser HMAS Hobart and twelve destroyers. Ships of the Tulagi force fuelled from the big US Fleet tanker Neosho.

Fletcher decided to strike at the western invasion force in the Louisiades after the Australian squadron had refuelled on May 6. But the Japanese scouted all over the area with flying boats of 2,000-miles range, and one of these sighted the Allied force on the morning of May 6. Fueling was stopped and the combined Allied force steamed westward at 25 knots.

To attack Port Moresby, the enemy forces would have to go round the south-eastern end of New Guinea, so Fletcher, 120 miles south of the Louisiade archipelago, decided to station an attack group near Johnston Island. So as to prevent enemy transports passing through the narrow straits of the archipelago, he posted in their probable path the Australian task force under the Rear-Admiral commanding the Australian squadron, Rear-Admiral J. C. Grace, plus the heavy cruiser Chicago.

Then, with the remainder of the force, he moved northward in an attempt to locate enemy covering forces and the main body. By the afternoon of May 6, the Japanese force in the Louisiades became sufficiently consolidated to indicate an amphibious operation on a big scale. Fletcher decided to strike, and on the morning of May 7, began the first carrier battle in history.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

IF, as is rumoured, there is to be a small Royal Commission (just a tiny one, please, and no gravy) set up to inquire into this column, I think it will be found that scrupulous impartiality is the principal characteristic of what appears here.

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"I WAS awakened," said Celory Chaldecote to the police inspector, "by a man on a ladder. He was leaning in at my bedroom window, with a battered helmet on his head and an axe in his hand. He told me he had come to carry me to safety, as the whole place was on fire. I slipped something on, and he carried me down and put me in a car. He explained that the gorse in the district was blazing, and we had to get away. I saw no fire, and no other firemen. He then asked me if I could do with a nip of brandy. I said I didn't want any. He said, 'Well, I do,' and then drank deeply. When he offered to sell me his helmet and axe I knew something was wrong." He then said, "My old master will love you. What's your name?" Growing alarmed, I wrenched open the door and jumped out. I don't think he noticed what had happened, as he drove on with the door still open."

## POCKET CARTOON



## According To Culbertson

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The fate of today's contract depended on a finesse that was apparently without value.

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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Here's straight talk to Teeners!

## TEEN TALK

Do you know that rouge may never touch your cheeks and still be used to enhance your best features or lessen your unattractive ones? If, up to now, you have just slipped on cake makeup and lipstick with a lick-and-a-promise, then you are not the sophisticated that you imagine yourself to be.

The discreet use of colour will bring you out of the doldrums on many a gray day, whether the dullness is with you or the weather. A bit of rouge, brushed lightly across your forehead, will give a glow to a drab, end-of-summer tan. A touch of rouge from your breast-bone up to your throat, will reflect a glow in your face. A bit of rouge under the tip of your nose or chin will soften a sharp contour and give the suggestion of a turned-up nose.

Every school girl knows the value of good grooming and the tricky use of rouge aids in that and in making her look more attractive. The fresh, clean look of the out of doors is achieved by health and good grooming but it is also enhanced by what I call Makeup Magic.

The discreet use of foundation, rouge and lipstick, plus good grooming, is important. The well-brushed hair and well-pressed clothes add up to Campus Charm!

The girls who excel at sports, in studies and in their careers are the girls who care enough for their personal appearances to be well

groomed for every occasion. It is not the amount of money that you spend on your clothes, it is the way that you take care of them and wear them.

The new trend is Neatness, no more "sloppy casuals," they are out of fashion and out of favour.



## PIN-UP AT FIVE

Paris—Five-year-old Marie-Claire, the pin-up baby of Paris, is the latest of the "little ones" who are being planted by feet on the lowest rung of the success ladder two years ago, when she was three, and was enrolled as a pupil at a Paris school of rhythmic dancing.

Brown-eyed, curly-haired Marie-Claire turned out to have a gift for dancing. Better, she got the school's vote as the most popular baby of her year.

So that when the mother of one of her school friends opened what was one of the first children's dress houses in Paris, it was inevitable that Marie-Claire should be picked as one of the mannequins.

Next step up for this career girl came with a walk-on part in a French film—next, an offer to play the lead in a children's film which Pathé is making in Paris.

But Marie-Claire is not particularly interested in being a baby star. Clothes are her main interest. Even grown-up ones. And she positively loves being fitted.

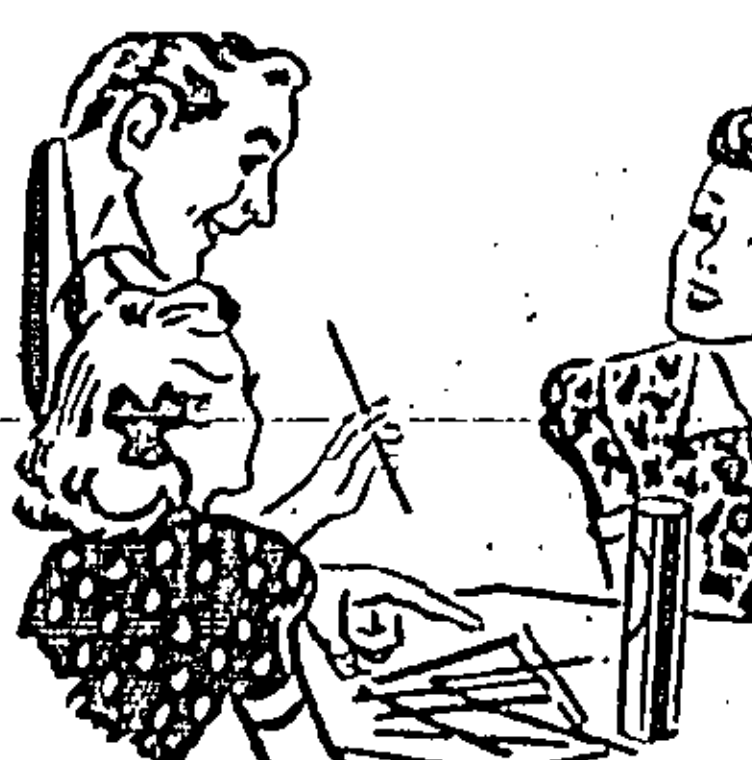
And here are some of Marie-Claire's ideas on what the well-dressed five-year-old will wear.

That? Wear them like mother. Well on the back of your curls up like mother's yokes, with touches of old-fashioned hand embroidery. Scarves and French knots and things like that.

But her favourite dress is a little number in soft red wool, with a swinging skirt edged with four rows of black braid and a little bolero. The hat which goes with it is a soft beret affair worn well back. "It's really Scotch," says Marie-Claire.

BETTY WILSON

## Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You've been planning for twenty years to spend a winter down here—and now you complain because it doesn't snow!"

## German General Urges Western World To Cure Its Russophobia

A German general whose anti-invasion advice was scorned by Hitler has urged the Western world to cure its "phobia of the Soviet Union."

No living German soldier is reputed to know the Russians better than Ernst Koestring, 71, retired general of cavalry, who was commanding 400,000 traitorous Soviet citizens in the Wehrmacht just three years ago.

"It is folly," he told the Associated Press in an interview, "to perpetuate Hitler's mistake of refusing to recognise the Soviet Union's basic desire to keep the peace. Russia cannot conquer the world—the world cannot conquer Russia."

Koestring's knowledge of Soviet affairs is so intimate that the United States Government took him to Washington in 1945 to draft a report.

Moscow-born, he helped in the early years of the Weimer republic to force a mysterious liaison between the Reichswehr and the Red Army, by which German officers were trained under cover in tank, aviation and chemical warfare in Russia.

He became the German military attaché in his native town in 1931, and retired because of Hitler's seizure of power. He returned to Moscow in the same post in 1935 at the request of the German High Command.

Speaking of the vast purge trials in Moscow, when hundreds of Red Army commanders were condemned to death, Koestring said: "So far as I know—and I believe I was in the position to know the truth—there was no organised military plot against the Soviet government. But I have reason to believe the German Government manufactured evidence which led the Soviets to liquidate these experienced officers and thereby crippled the Red Army, so it was retarded several years in its technical development."

## Hitler Mad and Blind

He said he learned in September 1940 that Hitler was preparing for the invasion of Russia in the following year. He said he warned Hitler the Red Army's stalemate in the Finnish winter war was no true test of its potentialities, but added: "With Hitler there could be no reasoning.... Hitler was both mad and blind."

Repatented to Germany after the outbreak of hostilities he retired until 1943, when he was suddenly recalled to become Commander of the Eastern Volunteers.

Koestring lives on a Bavarian estate with his second wife. No Allied charges are pending against him and he expects to be cleared of a militarism charge by the Munich denazification.

## AUSTRALIA'S EASTER SHOW

## EXHIBITS FROM BRITAIN

Over 1,000,000 Australians are expected to visit the exhibition of Britain's postwar progress in manufacture and design which will form a part of the Sydney Royal Easter Show opening on March 31.

The motor vessel Karama has left London for Adelaide carrying the final consignment of exhibits. Owing to her late sailing and other calls on route, the Karama will reach Australia only a few days before the opening of the exhibition. Arrangements have been made to rush the exhibits overland from Adelaide to Sydney.

Some 100 firms have supplied 2,000 articles showing the wide range of Britain's postwar manufacture from small-scale toys to giant engines. Here are some of the "revolutionary" items Australians will see: a domestic fireplace which will burn day and night through the winter months, using only the normal fuel ration; plastic clothing welded by radio frequency, which is neater and stronger than stitching; the world's most compact portable typewriter; a "magic eye" to show fishing boats where the shoals of fish are; and a new insulating material more buoyant than cork and of greater efficiency.

Included in the Royal Easter Show will be many duplicates of items selected for the "Britain Can Make It" exhibition. After the Show has finished, 400 book exhibits and many other items will be presented to Australian orphanages and hospitals at the request of the manufacturers.

## ROYAL VISIT STAMPS

Special issues of postage and revenue stamps will be issued to commemorate the Royal visit to Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland. There are four denominations. The penny stamp, pillar-box red, shows the King's head. The two-penny, green, shows the heads of the King and Queen side by side. The three-penny, deep blue, has for its design the heads of Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret; and the shilling stamp, in purple, the heads of the King, Queen and the two Princesses.

## NEWSLETTER FROM WALES

By J. C. Griffith Jones

The War Office decision to demilitarise the coastal area at Harlech, North Wales, has pleased a large number of people. Not only local folk, but thousands of holiday-makers who discovered the charm of Harlech before the war, can again enjoy the historic and scenic attractions of this district undisturbed by noises of battle in peacetime.

In announcing the Government's decision in Parliament the Prime Minister said: "The harm to public interest if Harlech were retained for military purposes would be so grave that its use for peacetime training must be abandoned."

The inhabitants of the Castle Martin area in South Pembrokeshire will not be quite so fortunate. A large area is to be retained on this picturesque coast for a permanent tank-training centre. Even here, however, the War Office has modified its original demands. Some 1,500 acres of ground will be handed back to the farmers, the hikers and fishing enthusiasts will be allowed access to certain parts of the coast. A public inquiry will be held to hear local objections before the military area is finally defined.

Meanwhile public protests persist against Services' claims on other rural areas in Wales, particularly in Breconshire, Denbighshire, and East Monmouthshire. A national conference of protest, convened by the Welsh League for the Abolition of the Military, is being held at Llanidloes. The cause of the argument is that local people should be consulted before their beauty spots and agricultural districts are taken over, if indeed good land must be given up. Much tolerance and understanding will be needed on the part of Service departments and civilian interests before this problem is solved.

## Culm Popular As Fuel

One of the effects of the prolonged freeze-up and the fuel shortage in Wales has been that culm has become popular again as a fuel in West Wales. This is anthracite dust mixed with a little water and clay. It costs half as much as coal, and a culm fire, although a slow starter, will keep going as long as it is kept replenished. A report from Pembrokeshire says that a culm fire at one farm has kept burning for 200 years. At any rate this substitute for coal has become so essential for home fires that Pembrokeshire has stopped exporting culm to continental countries.

Dr Harvey, principal of Cardiff Technical College, has caused a sensation by his assertion that evening classes are a curse. He contends that students, after working hard every day, find themselves out of breath and tired when they attend night classes over a period of five or six years to qualify for degrees. Dr Harvey thinks that at the end of such exertions the students are "not a fat lot of use to themselves or anyone else." He believes that if a man is worth educating he should be given the opportunity to study in the daytime and not when he has been exhausted after a hard day's work.

## Diversed Opinions

Other Welsh educationalists are divided on this question. Dr Howell, principal of Neath Technical College, thinks, for instance, that Dr Harvey has gone off the rails. "It is true that some students fail to complete their course owing to pressure of their daily work," he says. "But those who qualify find that their diplomas or degrees are of great use to them and to the community."

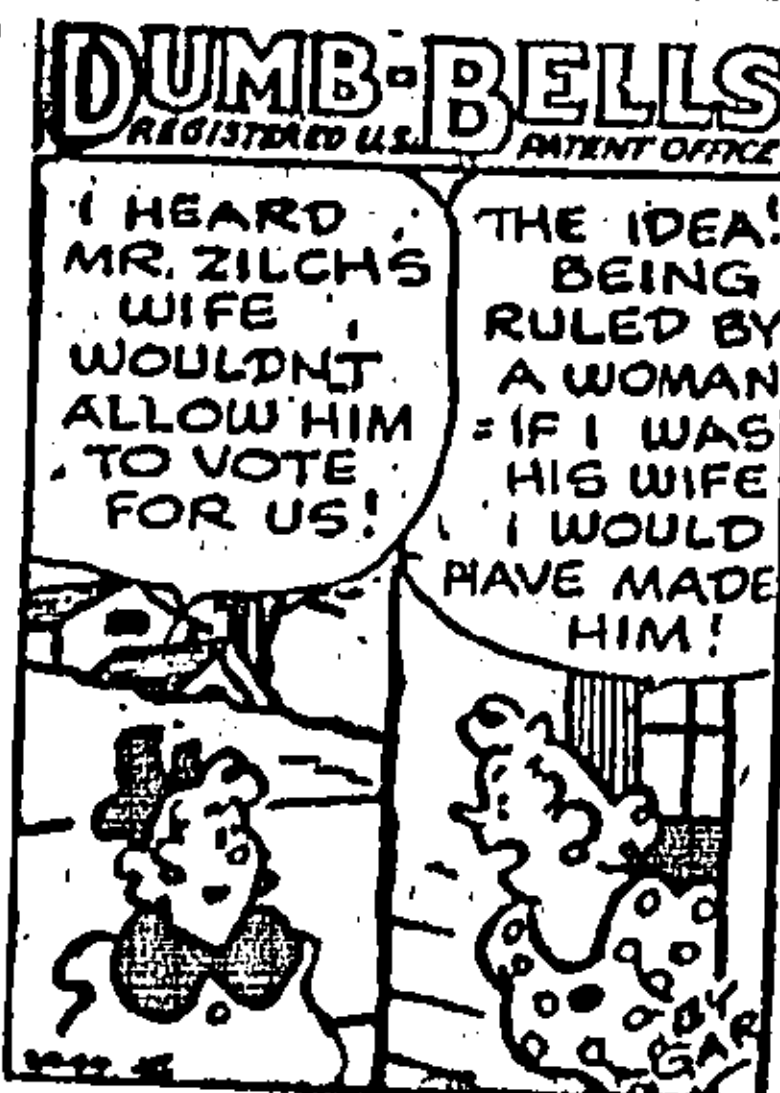
Mr Cecil Morgan, principal, Llanelly Mining and Technical Institute, is among those who support Dr Harvey. "Evening classes are a poor substitute for part-time day classes and a terrific strain on the student," he declares.

In Wales, at any rate, the workers generally have a high regard for "the University of the After-Dark." Through the gateway of evening classes thousands of Welshmen have satisfied their urge for knowledge, and many have gone on to the University and important posts from this modest training ground. In the last few years, however, employers in Welsh industry have increased opportunities for keen young workers to attend day classes so that practical and theoretical training is advanced simultaneously.

With industry now turning over to increase night work owing to the fuel and power crisis many evening students will have to reorganise their lives and continue their part-time education during the day.

## Amateurs Said Paid

The Welsh Rugby Union is disturbed at reports of secret payments to players by some South Wales clubs. There is evidence that several second-class clubs have been offering under cover money to promising young players if they join



## KEW GARDENS GETS OUT OF BATTLEDRESS

There cannot be many people who have not heard of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, London. For a long time the collections of living plants have placed the gardens among the great show places of Britain, and even in 1942, in the middle of the war, they attracted over 1,250,000 visitors.

During the war, it was difficult to overestimate the gardens' good effect on tired workers and on members of the Forces on leave. Although the conflict left its scars there as elsewhere, Kew remained a bright and lovely place, a rest for jagged nerves and a psychological tonic.

Kew, however, is very much more than a show place. It has grown into a botanical laboratory, and other plants from which badly needed drugs were obtained. It experimented with new rubber-producing plants, it collaborated in the production of rose-hip syrup, it raised a potato crop from "eyes," and from common stinging nettles derived a first-class paper-making fibre and an ingredient of artificial silk.

Now that the gardens at Kew are fast reverting to their pre-war activities as a research institution, their attractiveness to the public remains as great as ever. This spring the famous and greatly loved biennial wood will delight the eyes of thousands more eager visitors.

The tropical house, the rock gardens and other highlights, too, will be there in their pre-war splendour.

## PHENOMENAL UNRRA AID FOR EUROPE

Nearly US\$2,000,000,000 worth of supplies were provided by UNRRA for European countries by the end of 1946.

Over £400,000,000 went to Poland, while Yugo-Slavia received \$304,000,000 worth. Greece and Italy also received over £300,000,000 and Czechoslovakia £227,000,000. £160,000,000 went to the Ukraine, and £102,000,000 to Austria.

During the same period, UNRRA repatriated the following displaced persons:

From Germany, 6,118,800; Austria, 842,600; Italy, 80,400; Middle East, 51,300.

A total of 732,493 displaced persons are still receiving assistance in UNRRA camps in Germany, Austria, Italy and the Middle East.

## MASONIC RECORDS BACK IN JERSEY

Masonic jewels and records belonging to the Grand Lodge of Jersey have left Kreis Grovenbroich to begin their journey back to Jersey from whence they were removed by the Germans during the occupation.

After the capitulation of Germany, they were collected together with a quantity of Jewish records into an archives repository at Offenbach near Frankfurt, in the American zone, and were later brought back to a repository at Schloss Dyck as part of interzonal transfers.

The Masonic authorities in the Channel Islands were informed of their recovery, and the records and jewels were formally identified by the Worshipful Grand Master of another Lodge who is now serving with the Control Commission.

## Shoes Repaired One At A Time

Because so many pairs of shoes have been reported "lost" in repair shops, Berliners now are having only one of their shoes repaired at a time. When it is finished, its owner brings in the other.

Many "lost article" cases have been heard in the courts, and testimony indicates some items reappeared in Berlin's costly black market for sale.

—Associated Press.

Their ranks. The idea is to build up second-class teams into front-rank attractions.

One of the officials of the Welsh Rugby Union said: "This veiled professionalism is bad for the game in Wales. When proof of such violation of amateur status is obtained the offenders will be dealt with severely by the Union." An inquiry may be held, shortly into several allegations.

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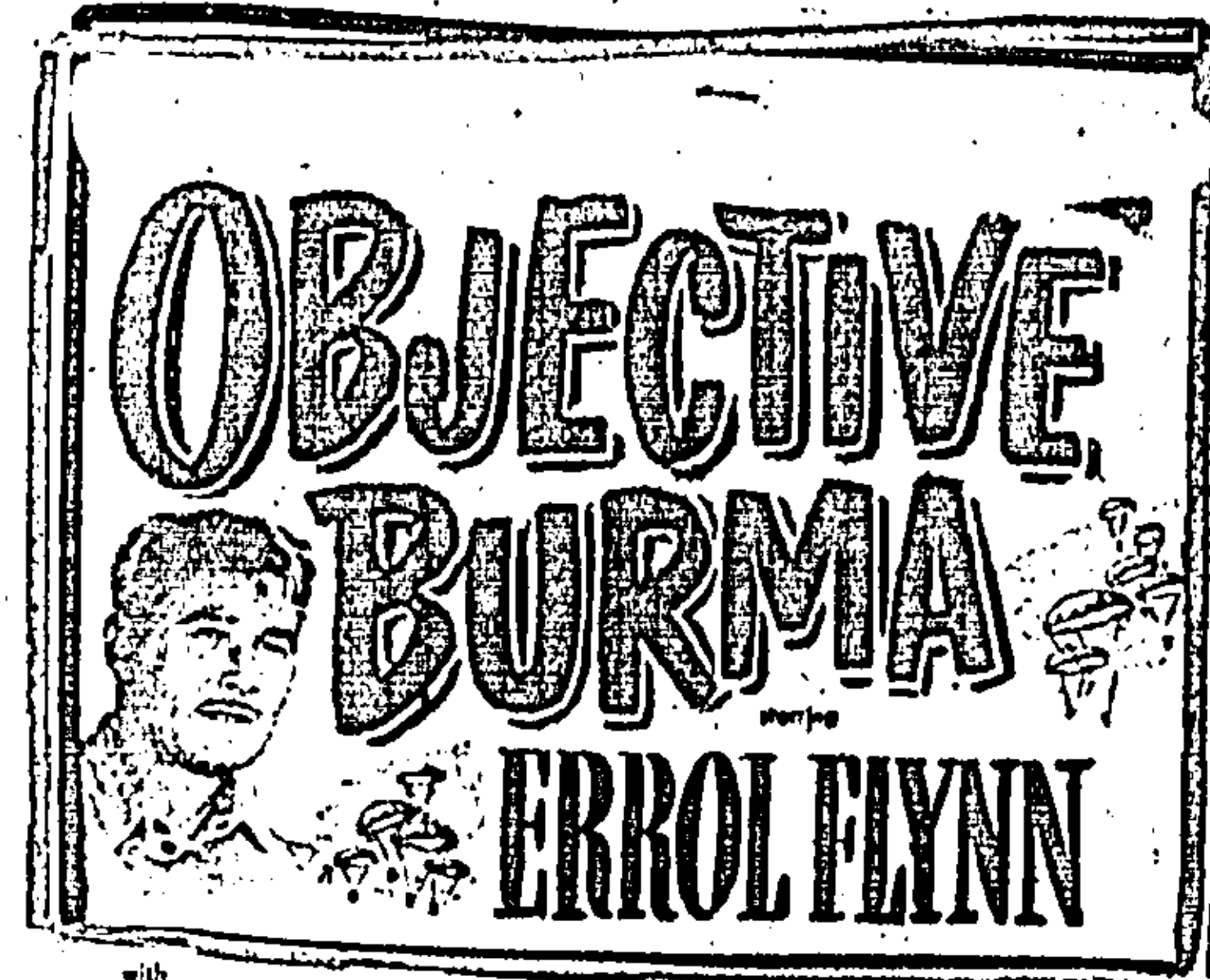
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## CHINESE PROTEST OVER SHOOTING

Shanghai, Mar. 19. The Chinese authorities have protested to the United States Army in Peking over the alleged killing of a 14-year-old boy by the American Military Police, according to Chinese press reports.

The American authorities were quoted as saying that the boy was shot and killed while trying to climb over a barbed wire fence.—Reuter.

## 16 Nominees For Nobel Peace Prize

Oslo, Mar. 19. The Nobel Committee announced today the names of 16 nominees for the 1947 Nobel Peace Prize, including Pope Pius, Mohandas K. Gandhi and the combined entry of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Madame Alexandra Kollantai, former Soviet Ambassador to Sweden.

Other nominees were Eduard Benes, Czechoslovakian statesman; Natanek Baskov, Swedish educator and writer; Lionel Curtis, British author on peace subjects; C. J. Hambro, former president of the Norwegian Parliament; Paul Harris, American founder and President Emeritus of Rotary International; Herbert H. Lehmann, former head of UNRRA; John Morgan, British lawyer and writer; Sir John Boyd Orr, Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization; Georges Seella, French writer and former official of the League of Nations; Freiherr Paul von Schenck, German anti-Nazi and pacifist; John Ude, Austrian pacifist; and Alfred Zimmermann, British author.—United Press.

## Greek Leftists Lose Hope

### King's Abdication A Dream Of The Past

London, Mar. 19. Greek Republicans in London said today that they had lost all hope that King George of the Hellenes might abdicate in the foreseeable future.

There had been a tendency among Greek Republicans to believe that the United States would link its economic assistance to Greece with friendly suggestions for the King's abdication or at least his replacement by his heir, Prince Paul.

Greek Republican quarters now see the new American interest in Greece as consolidating the Royalist regime rather than jeopardizing it. These sources said the Americans were even less likely to make difficulties for the Greek monarchy than the British and King George was not one to give up without strong pressure from abroad or a successful revolution within Greece.—United Press.

## FRONTIER REPORT

Athens, Mar. 19. Press reports printed here claimed that guns at Yugo-Slav frontier posts opened fire against Greek troops during a 12-hour battle between Greek Army forces and guerrillas.

The reports gave no definite location.

Rumours that a great anti-guerrilla campaign had started still were unconfirmed from official sources today, but the Minister of Public Order, General Zervas, and the Minister of Justice, Apostolos Alexandris, left for Salonika by plane suddenly.—United Press.

## WANTS RUSSIA BOMBED

Philadelphia, Mar. 19. George Earle, former United States Minister to Austria and Bulgaria, today urged the bombing of Russia "to eliminate the Communist menace to civilization."

Earle said "We ought to bomb Russia before she bombs us. I would be sorry to see Russian women and children killed but I would rather it be that way than have Soviet bombs kill American women and children."—United Press.

## Giant Airliner's Trials

London, Mar. 19. The prototype of "Brabazon I", giant 110-ton airliner—the biggest and most advanced jet made in Britain—will start its trial flight before the end of this year, according to present indications, said Lord Nathan, Minister for Civil Aviation, in a Parliamentary answer today.—Reuter.

Istanbul, Mar. 19. President Truman's decision to seek Congress sanction for aid to Turkey and Greece has the same significance for Turkey as "a big battle won." This has been the typical Turkish reaction, both official and unofficial to the President's message.

The amount of United States aid is of secondary importance, and it matters little whether it is to be employed in modernising Turkish armaments or on industrial and agricultural equipment, it is felt here. What does matter is that President Truman has lifted from Turkey the heavy burden imposed by the sense of isolation in the face of an impending threat from Soviet Russia.

## U.S. REFUSES GRAIN FOR YUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade, Mar. 19. A Yugo-Slav authoritative source said today the United States Government had refused to send grain to Yugo-Slavia, contending that there was no real threat of starvation in that country and that cereal stocks were not available.

UNRRA, declining to comment on the report, announced that the United States had cancelled 16,000 tons of a 24,000-ton order of potatoes for Yugo-Slavia.

The order was placed through UNRRA and cancelled because of the transportation bottleneck between warehouses and seaports in the United States, and because all available transportation was being turned over to priority shipments of potatoes to Germany, the announcement said.

The authorities, but unofficial source, said UNRRA had notified the Yugo-Slav Government of the United States refusal and had informed Marshal Tito's government that it must take its own steps to avert a food shortage.

Broad negotiations have been cut twice in Yugo-Slavia this year.—Associated Press.

## REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

Washington, Mar. 19. An Administration source said today that the United States "probably will authorise General Douglas MacArthur next week" to proceed with the interim reparations plan awarding up to 50 percent of available Japanese industry to claimant nations.

The State Department several weeks ago notified the Far East Commission that it had such a plan and asked reaction from the 11 member nations.—United Press.

## British Troops To Quit Greece

London, March 19. A high Government source confirmed today that the United States has been informed by Britain that it is prepared to evacuate British troops from Greece about August.

While the British had set March 31 as the date by which they would surrender their responsibilities in Greece, the never had said they expected to withdraw their troops by then.—United Press.

## SOLD LIQUOR TO ENLISTED MEN

Frankfurt, Mar. 19. Army officials said today that four constabulary officers had been convicted of selling liquor to enlisted men at black market prices.

The officers were Captain Frederick M. Trump, who was sentenced to dismissal from the service; 1/Lt. Francis D. Scott, fined US\$250 and reprimanded; 1/Lt. Paul R. Montgomery, fined US\$250 and reprimanded; and 2/Lt. John P. Downing, fined US\$200 and reprimanded.—United Press.

## GRAND NATIONAL ENTRIES

London, Mar. 19. The number of entries in the Grand National steeplechase, to be run at Aintree on March 22, was cut to 68 at the final acceptance stage.

This same number was the national record field that contested the four-and-a-half-mile chase in 1929.

Six horses scratched yesterday which was the deadline for paying the entry fee.—Associated Press.

## QUEEN MARY FINGERPRINTED

London, Mar. 19. Queen Mary was fingerprinted in the crime laboratories of Scotland Yard today during a visit to inspect its facilities.—United Press.

The Turkish view is that since the end of hostilities, Turkey has been acting as a bulwark against Russian expansionism and that President Truman's action implies that this role has at last won world recognition. Further, it will ease the very severe economic strain which this conception of Turkey's role had imposed on the country's economic structure.

The Turkish Government, oppressed by a crushing sense of insecurity, has been maintaining an army of 1,000,000 men under arms in readiness for any emergency. This is a gigantic figure for a people of 10,000,000, and it has swallowed 65 percent of the resources of the Turkish state.

It reveals the depths of Turkish apprehension of Soviet intervention, resulting from two years of nerve war which Russia is considered here to have waged against Turkey so that the Turks have come to see their country as a small David facing alone and unarmed the "Goliath of the North."

The state of Turkish-Soviet relations today is a complete reversal of the situation after the first World War. When the new republican regime of Kemal Ataturk was still fighting for international recognition and the new Soviet regime was in much the same position, the two governments reached an agreement as early as August, 1920.

This was followed in March, 1921 by a treaty in which they gave each other mutual recognition, fixed their common frontier and arranged for future economic relations between the two countries.

Thus Turkey seemed to have buried for ever her century-old distrust of Russia's perennial drive for control of the Straits. For nearly 20 years, relations between the two countries were practically unclouded, and the Turks accepted useful economic and technical aid from Russia.

The first clouds gathered in August, 1939. The Molotov-Ribbentrop pact came as a staggering shock to the Turks, who had been hoping for a defensive alliance between Russia and the West.

Nerve War From then on there was a shadow over Turkish-Soviet relations. With the ending of the war, Moscow stated what was regarded as a nerve war against Soviet notes. The first of a series of Soviet notes was delivered, requesting a revision of the Montreux Convention, regulating shipping through the Straits, and suggesting a joint Soviet-Turkish defence of this area.

These demands would, in the Turkish view, fatally infringe Turkish sovereignty and integrity. The resulting deadlock has persisted for nearly two years, during which Turkey considered the Soviet pressure has never really decreased. The cumulative strain has told heavily on Turkey, both economically and psychologically. It is this strain that has been suddenly eased in the most welcome way by President Truman's pledge of aid.—Reuter.

## STRACHEY NEVER DEPORTED

London, Mar. 19. The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, at a press conference here today, denied the assertions made by the Canadian Press that he had been deported from the United States as an undesirable. "I had two legal cases in America in 1934 and 1935—and very interesting they were," Mr. Strachey added. "I was accused of being a radical—which, in fact, I am. In the end the American courts decided that they had no power to deport an alien in those circumstances."—Reuter.

## KING GUSTAF GOING TO RIVIERA

Stockholm, Mar. 19. King Gustaf, 89-year-old Swedish monarch, left here by train today for a two-month stay in the Riviera. The whole Royal Family will be off at the station. He will arrive in Nice on Saturday, after a short stopover in Paris.—United Press.

## VISAS ABOLISHED

London, Mar. 19. Sweden, Switzerland and Liechtenstein have agreed to abolish visas from April 1, the Swiss radio announced today quoting an official announcement.

Visas will still be necessary for Swedes seeking employment in Switzerland and Swiss and Liechtenstein citizens seeking employment in Sweden.—Reuter.

## 10,000 Communists Said Slain In Yenan Capture

Nanking, Mar. 19. A National Defence Ministry spokesman said today that over 10,000 Communists were killed and wounded and more than 2,000 were captured by the Nationalists in taking Yenan this morning.

The spokesman said the Communist defenders totalled 100,000.

There is no information as to the whereabouts of the top Communists, Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai.

The New York Times, in an editorial today, said that the loss of Yenan would be a severe blow to Communist morale, even though it would not mean the end of China's civil war.—United Press.

## Royal Family Receives Welcome From Zulus

Natal, Mar. 19. Members of the famous Impi, of the Zulu army, performed ceremonial dances before the Royal party today, climaxing their primitive evolutions by virtually hurling themselves at the feet of their Majesties.

## U.S. EXPORT CONTROL

### EXTENSION OF ACT ASKED

Washington, Mar. 19. President Truman today asked Congress to extend the United States Export Control Act for one year. He stated in his message that it was essential to extend the act well in advance of June 30, the date on which it expires.

"Any delay would prove unsettling to business and would handicap the planning and execution of our foreign aid programmes," President Truman said. The President promised that export controls would be removed as rapidly as possible, pointing out that the list of items had been slashed from the wartime peak of over 3,000 to approximately 500.

He gave the warning of possible effects on domestic economy, if Congress allows the act to expire, but stressed the danger to United States international commitments.

### Worldwide Responsibilities

"The United States has become a nation with worldwide responsibilities. During the period of world shortages, the distribution of this country's exports has serious international significance," the message stated.

"Our international responsibilities cannot be fulfilled without this machinery. In its absence, foreign purchasing would tend to be concentrated on those commodities in the most acute shortage."

President Truman recalled the financial assistance which the United States had extended and declared: "Export control is an important instrument in carrying out the purpose of these loan programmes." The President predicted that the world supply situation "will certainly remain acute for some time to come."—Reuter.

## HOUSEWIVES IN DEMONSTRATION

Leeds, England, Mar. 19. More than 1,000 housewives demonstrated here today against "unnecessary burdens caused by food restrictions."

Mrs. Janet Neish said that women and children were being sacrificed by Government in the interests of trade unions. "Ignore your husbands," she advised demonstrators. "Don't cook for them and very soon they will tell the trade unions where to get off. When we women march it will be in thousands. We have had enough of this unnecessary austerity."—United Press.

## Extending Punjab Death Sentences

Lahore, Mar. 19. Sir Evan Jenkins, Governor of riot-torn Punjab Province, today announced an act providing death sentences for attempted murder, abduction, rape, dacoity (banditry) and arson.

The act also empowers magistrates and police officers to open fire or use other forcible means, even so far as causing death, against any person disobeying the Government's ban on the assembly of more than five persons and carrying of weapons or objects that could be used as weapons.—Reuter.

## Mountbatten's Staff Off To India

London, Mar. 19. General Lord Ismay, before leaving Northolt airport today in a RAF plane for Delhi, said: "I am looking forward to my journey very much and hope to meet old friends."

Travelling with him were Sir Eric Mervill and Captain J. E. Lascelles, and nine other members of the new Viceroy's staff, including four secretaries.

Lord Ismay and Eric Mervill were chosen by Viscount Mountbatten as senior members of his staff.—Reuter.

## NEW RECORD FOR GLASGOW EXPRESS

Stranraer, Scotland, Mar. 19. The Glasgow Express puffed into the station here last night on a record-breaking run—it was five days, 18 hours and 50 minutes late.

Aboard were 18 of the original 60 passengers who left Saint Enoch station in Glasgow last Wednesday night on what is normally a three-hour run. The train became snow-bound 55 miles from its destination.

Passengers who remained aboard rather than fight their way through snowdrifts arrived only a few hours behind those who transferred to taxi-cabs on Monday afternoon.—United Press.

## RAF CRASH

Colombo, Mar. 19. A RAF transport plane en route from Britain to Singapore, today crashed and burned four miles north of Negombo airport, killing 11 of the 17 persons aboard.—Associated Press.

## "La Passionaria" Calls For Anti-Franco Front

Paris, Mar. 19. Dolores Ibaruri, Secretary General of the Spanish Communist Party in France, charged today that certain "imperialistic groups interested in the continuation of Fascist or semi-Fascist Spain" existed in the world today and were helping Generalissimo Franco to remain in power.

## U AUNG SAN APPEALS FOR SUPPORT

Rangoon, Mar. 19. U Aung San, Deputy Chairman of the Burma Interim Government, today issued an appeal to the Burmese people for united and all-out support for the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, of which he is the president.

U Aung San, who was addressing a campaign meeting in preparation for the coming elections to the Constituent Assembly, declared: "This is Burma's crucial hour. Our struggle for freedom is by no means over. May be we shall have to embark on another resistance movement. It is therefore imperative that the country returns resistance leaders in the coming elections."

"We do not want people with pretensions to learning nor do we want people who would be self-seeking. We want honest men to serve the country in time of need. No party other than the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League will be able to lead the Burmese people to freedom."—Reuter.

## Inter-Asian Conference

Rangoon, Mar. 19. The Burmese delegation to the Inter-Asian Relations Conference, which is opening in New Delhi on March 23, is leaving Rangoon tomorrow by air. The delegation, numbering 16, is headed by Justice Kyaw Myint.

Thakin Mya, Finance Member of the Interim Government, and two other officials are also going to India tomorrow. They will attend the conference as observers.

It is understood that the Burmese Finance Member will also take advantage of the Delhi visit to sound the Government of India regarding prospects of securing a loan for Burma.—Reuter.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated Registered and Parcel Post letters close 15 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

Thursday, March 20

Airmail: Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin, Canton, Chungking, Amoy, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, 3.30 p.m.  
Seamail: Batavia, Sourabaya, Makassar, 3 p.m.  
Pakhoi, Hanoi, Tsamkong, 2 p.m.  
Manila, 3 p.m.  
Kobe, 4 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 4 p.m.  
Canton, 4 p.m.

Friday, March 21

Airmail: Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Baku, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marseilles, London, New York, Canada, 3.30 p.m.  
Kunming, Canton, Hanoi, 3.30 p.m.  
Amoy, Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow, Tientsin, 3.30 p.m.  
Seamail: Bangkok, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, USA, Central and South America, Canada (via San Francisco), 10 a.m.  
Straits, noon.  
Shanghai, 2 p.m.  
Kobe, 3 p.m.  
Kobe, 4 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 4 p.m.  
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, 2 p.m.  
Canton, 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

Airmail: Manila, 10 a.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sourabaya, Sydney, Auckland, 3.30 p.m.  
Canton, Luchow, Kunming, Chungking, 3.30 p.m.  
Seamail: Swatow, 10 a.m.  
Manila, noon.  
Batavia, 3 p.m.  
Manila, 3 p.m.  
Kobe, 4 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 4 p.m.  
Canton, 4 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW on 645 kilocycles from 12.50 to 2 p.m., and 5.30 to 11 p.m., and also on 8.2 megacycles in the 21 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 5.30 to 7.30 and 9 to 11 p.m.

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5.30 Studio: Children's Hour: 6.30 Studio: "Hospital Round"—Selections by Patients in Hospital, arranged by Lynn Fraser: 7. London Relay: World News: 7.10 London Relay: Home News from Britain: 7.15 Light Variety: 7.50 London Transmission Service: "It's a Pleasure": 8.20 Studio: "Record Review"—A Review of the latest records received by ZBW: 8.30 London Relay: 9.30 London Transmission Service: "The Adventures of Stinky Weather": 10. Violin Interlude: 10.10 Short Vocal Recital by Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano): 10.25 Chopin Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11: Arthur Schnabel (Piano): 11.15 London Symphony Orchestra: 11. Close down.

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Addressing the inaugural meeting of the third plenary conference of the Spanish Communist Party which opened here today, Miss Ibaruri, known as "La Passionaria," said: "Neither English imperialists nor North American reactionaries desire the establishment of a republic in Spain, even if it should be a moderate republic."

Speaking to more than 500 delegates, representing Communist groups from France, the interior of Spain, England, Italy, Hungary, Norway, China and Finland, the Spanish civil war leader asserted that 71.9 percent of Franco's current budget was devoted to the Army.

She termed it "false" that Spanish Communists wished to ignite another civil war in Spain.

"In all such wars," she said, "it is our own class which makes the most sacrifices and suffers the greatest losses. We want peace, justice and the re-establishment of a normal and democratic order."

Miss Ibaruri said the Communist Party believed Franco should be replaced by a republican government.

### Numerous Civil Wars

"For a king or for others, there have been numerous civil wars in Spain, but the people have never taken up arms for monarchy as a form of government," she said. Explaining her party's participation in Rodolfo Llopi's Republican Government-in-exile, Miss Ibaruri said its members were in the government to see that it did not abandon "republican principles outlined by Senor Llopi when he first took office."

"We support the Llopi government today because it is, as was that of Jose Giral, representative of the Republic," she said. She called for the formation of a "Republican Front" against Franco, which would be accompanied by strikes and mass protestations.—United Press.

## Search Abandoned

Singapore, Mar. 19. All hope of finding the crew of four and six passengers of the RAF Dakota, lost on a flight from Singapore to Hongkong on February 26 has now been abandoned.

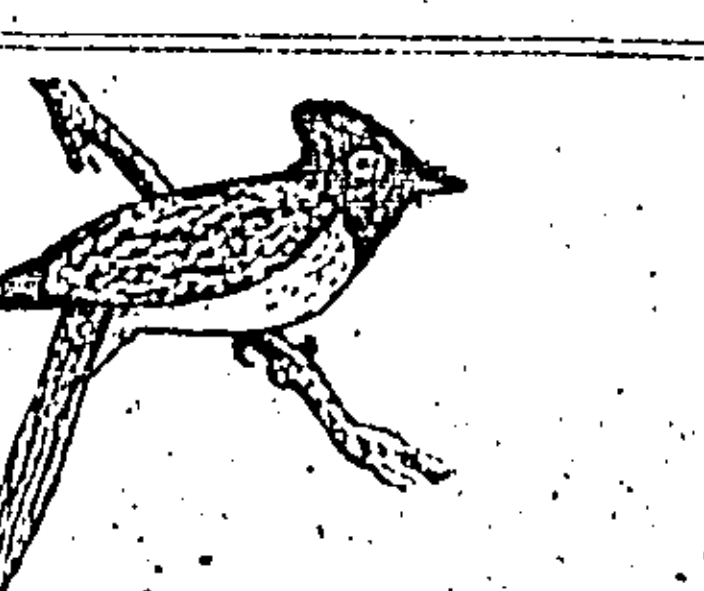
Mr M. P. Dmitiescu, Indo-China representative at the Singapore Food Conference, was among the passengers aboard the plane.—Reuter.

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